



GPRA Bulletin 05-01

SUBJECT: GPRA Bulletins

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To: Executive Directors

CC: Site Managers, Clinical Directors, GPRA Coordinators

This is the first in what will be a series of intermittent notices about the Government Performance and Results Act. The Act requires that agencies collect and report information on performance indicators that demonstrate program effectiveness, and over the past few years, the results have become increasingly important, as the Federal government moves toward performance based budgeting. In addition, these same clinical indicators are a valuable measure of the quality of care that is provided at your site.

For both of these reasons, we want to make sure that information related to GPRA reaches you quickly, so that you and your staff can, for example, address possible data issues as they arise or take advantage of new tools like cheat sheets for specific indicators to improve data collection and entry. We also want to use the bulletins to distribute background information about specific indicators for educating medical staff, information about outside sources of medical tests or screenings that you might be able to access, and information about methods other programs have used to improve health outcomes or screening rates measured by GPRA indicators.

Information in the bulletins will supplement the periodic reports that we already provide, such as the annual California GPRA Performance report, and they will be posted on our California website for reference. Since the bulletins will be most effective if we reach the right individuals quickly, could you email the name, title, and email address of your site's current GPRA coordinator to Elaine.brinn@ihs.gov ?

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